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**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL: Interview questions for Dr. Thayer - PBS NewsHour

Oh got it. Yes

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**From:** Jackson, Ryan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:36 AM  
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>  
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**From:** Block, Molly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
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The reporters deadline is today. Just want to double check that everyone is good with the following response:

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**From:** Block, Molly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 5:09 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2018, at 5:08 PM, Jackson, Ryan <[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Ryan Jackson  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. EPA

**Personal Matters / Ex. 6**

On Jul 10, 2018, at 4:09 PM, Block, Molly <[block.molly@epa.gov](mailto:block.molly@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ryan –

Just wanted to make you aware of this formaldehyde inquiry **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**  
**Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Please let  
me know if you have any edits, otherwise I will send this to the reporter (her deadline is  
COB tomorrow). Thanks!

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**From:** Amanda Grennell [<mailto:agrennell@newshour.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** Block, Molly <[block.molly@epa.gov](mailto:block.molly@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Interview questions for Dr. Thayer - PBS NewsHour

Hi Molly,

Thank you for the call. Here are my questions. I understand if Dr. Thayer cannot answer them all.

- In 2011, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) evaluated a 2010 IRIS report on formaldehyde, citing several problems. How have those problems been addressed in the new formaldehyde report?
- There is evidence the new report has been ready since before January 2018, yet no draft has been released. What is the delay?
- Are the findings in the new report different from the 2010 report?
- Is there a scientific consensus on a causal link between formaldehyde exposure and leukemia? What about other cancers?
- Is the average person exposed to harmful levels of formaldehyde? What about those who work with formaldehyde for chemical synthesis, embalming, etc...?
- Has IRIS or the EPA reached out to the NAS for a review of the new report?
- NAS recently reported improvements in the IRIS program. Which NAS recommendations have been most successful, and which recommendations are still being worked on?
- The American Chemistry Council is critical of the 2010 formaldehyde report. What does IRIS think about these criticisms?

Best,  
Amanda

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